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TAGS: PEPR, IT, US  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CRAXI VISIT TO WASHINGTON

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1. FOLLOWING THE SOCIALIST PARTY CONGRESS ON MARCH 29-  
APRIL 2, I PLAN TO MEET PARTY SECRETARY BETTINO CRAXI  
TO GAIN HIS IMPRESSIONS OF WHERE HE AND HIS PARTY STAND  
FOLLOWING THE CONGRESS. IT APPEARS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT  
CRAXI WILL EMERGE FROM THE CONGRESS WITH HIS OWN POSITION  
STRENGTHENED AND THE CRAXI-SIGNORILE FACTIONS IN EFFECTIVE  
COMMAND OF THE PARTY AND ITS FUTURE POLITICAL COURSE.

2. I THINK THE MONTH OR SO FOLLOWING THE CONGRESS WOULD  
MARK AN OPPORTUNE TIME FOR CRAXI TO VISIT WASHINGTON AND  
I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE OCCASION OF MY MEETING WITH HIM  
TO PROPOSE SUCH A VISIT. BEFORE DOING SO, HOWEVER, I  
WOULD LIKE TO BE CERTAIN THAT IF HE WERE TO COME TO THE  
UNITED STATES IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO SEE HIGH  
OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT, IN PARTICULAR, VICE  
PRESIDENT MONDALE, SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT  
ON NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, BRZEZINSKI, AND SECRETARY  
VANCE. I ALSO WANT TO PROPOSE TO CRAXI THAT HE LATER  
SEND A GROUP OF YOUNGER, RISING SOCIALIST LEADERS TO  
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THE UNITED STATES ON THE IVP PROGRAM.

3. IN THE PAST CRAXI HAS DECLINED TO VISIT WASHINGTON  
UNLESS HE WAS ASSURED OF SEEING THE PRESIDENT.  
I WOULD POINT OUT TO CRAXI THAT THOUGH HE COULD NOT  
CALL ON THE PRESIDENT, A MEETING WITH OFFICIALS  
OF THE NEXT LEVEL WOULD BE POSSIBLE.

4. IN VIEW OF THE KEY ROLE WHICH THE SOCIALIST  
PARTY COULD CONCEIVABLY PLAY IN THE PRESENT DIFFICULT  
PERIOD IN ITALIAN POLITICS, I BELIEVE THAT CRAXI'S  
MEETING THE ABOVE OFFICIALS WOULD BE GREATLY IN OUR  
FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS AND I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT  
HE SHOULD BE RECEIVED AT A HIGH LEVEL. I WOULD THEREFORE  
APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSESSMENT OF THE  
POSSIBILITY OF CRAXI'S SEEING THE VICE PRESIDENT,  
THE SECRETARY AND DR. BRZEZINSKI.  
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